

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 - 3, 5 - 8, 10, 12 - 15, 17, 18, 26 and 30 is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, claims 11, 19, 25, 29, 33 and 35 - 55 which stand withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention have been canceled without prejudice to the right to file a divisional application directed thereto and claims 20 - 22 and 34 which stand rejected over cited art have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, such that the rejections as set forth in the office action with respect to claims 20 - 22 and 34 have been obviated. Accordingly, a discussion of the cited art in relation thereto is considered unnecessary.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that only allowed claims 1 - 3, 5 - 8, 10, 12 - 15, 17, 18, 26 and 30 remain in this application, such that issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

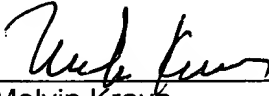
Applicants note that also submitted herewith are replacement sheets of drawings presenting the drawings in amended form as requested by the proposed drawing corrections submitted on February 25 and April 16, 2002 and January 16, 2003. Accordance, acceptance of the drawings is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.36984X00),
and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets are drawings are replacement sheets of drawings including the changes previously accepted by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets